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SENATE RESOLUTION 48
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia
Mallory of Montgomery County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Mrs. Mary Virginia Mallory; and

WHEREAS, "Miss Mary," as she was affectionately known, was born April 19, 1919, in Montgomery County, to the late Cullom and Anna Nicholson Mallory; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mallory grew up in a farming community, where she acquired her keen sense of independence and firmness of conviction; and

WHEREAS, Miss Mary firmly believed in the principles of hard work, honesty, love, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, she accepted Christ as her personal friend and Savior at an early age at the Mount Hermon C.M.E. Church in Sango; and

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WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Mallory evinced her robust faith in the Lord by serving on the Usher Board at the Kayne Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and by participating in the Missionary Union and the Senior Choir; and

WHEREAS, she was united in holy matrimony to Cecil Burton, and from this union three daughters were born: Mary Ellen, Dorothy Ann, and the late Mary Cecil Burton; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mallory moved to Nashville in the early 1940s where she remained several years before moving back to Montgomery County, and then returning to Nashville in the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mallory believed steadfastly that "to whom much is given, much is required"; she served the community by establishing two restaurants in North Nashville, "Little Mary's" and "Mary's Place"; and

WHEREAS, those who will miss her love and warmth as a daily part of their lives include daughters, Dorothy Shell and Mary Norman; grandchildren, Rita Reed, Vanessa Thomas, Robert Reed, Jr., and Reginald Reed; brothers, James Mallory, Jimmy Mallory, and Ed Waller; sisters, Margie Williams, Mayfield Fykes, Sarah Mallory, Agnes Mallory, and Brenda Majors; seven great-grandchildren; and her devoted friends and neighbors including George Matlock, Dr. Albert G. Berry, and the Nance family; and

WHEREAS, Miss Mary will always be remembered and treasured for the legacy she considered to be most important: being "a good mother, a good wife and a good Christian"; and

WHEREAS, although she has passed from this world to a far better existence, Mary Virginia Mallory has left a legacy of honorable public service and dedicated family life; people of her stature do not often grace us with their presence, and her many accomplishments should be appropriately commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia Mallory, reflecting warmly upon her lifelong commitment to her family and to the public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Mallory's family and many friends, knowing that her death creates a void that will not easily be filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family of Mrs. Mallory, with this final clause omitted from such copy.